

Negro Welfare League of N. J.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1918.

The Executive Committee of the Negro Welfare League of New Jersey held its regular meeting on the above date at 3 o'clock on 13 Central Avenue. Those present were: Mr. MacDougall, Rev. H. K. Spearman, Mr. Dusenberry, Mr. Wm. Ashby, Mrs. Little and the Chairman, Dr. Lusk presided.

Meeting was opened with prayer by the Chairman. Report of Mr. Dusenberry, Chairman of Committee to arrange for the purchasing of property for the League's work and girls home was then called for. Mr. Dusenberry reported his visit to Dr. Green, also reported the place which he and the Executive Secretary went to inspect which would probably do for our work. He reported that Dr. Green's figure would not be lower than \$13,500 which price he regarded out of the question. He said the next two places which met his consideration were the Children's Aid Building and a property located at 236 Mulberry Street. The latter place was eliminated because of its insufficient financial evaluation in the event that the League would ever want to move. Interest and negotiation were then centered on the Children's Aid.

After several conferences with Mr. Mathias Price, President of the Children's Aid, it was agreed to sell their property at a figure of \$12,000. - \$1000. to be allowed us for repairs. He believed this a fair arrangement.

Mr. Dusenberry then spoke very commendably of the work of Mrs. Felix Fuld and the Executive Secretary in winning the confidences of the people and thereby getting the money for the purchase. He remarked also about the money which the Phyllis Wheatley group had brought in. The meeting then opened for discussions.

Mrs. Little's opinion was that the Mulberry Street place was worth while and that the \$12,000 was a good figure for that property. Mr. MacDougall said that as a matter of location the property at 230 Bank Street would be the better of the two but financially the Mulberry Street was a wiser investment. Mr. Ashby then spoke in comparison of the two places. He said the Children's Aid Building offered the opportunity for doing a larger work.

The question, however, of getting a sufficient number of persons interested in coming to that place was one that would cause much concern. Dr. Lusk stated that he had been very much impressed with the property on Bank and High Streets. He said that he wondered whether or not it were possible to change in some way the original figure which we started out to raise and get enough for that place. He thought that possibly the property there could be bought for \$20,000. One of the three houses it could then be sold for possibly \$5000. This would leave us a figure of \$15,000. and a large house in just the location we should be. As a result of Dr. Lusk's statements of about that house and because of the small number of the Executive Committee present, Mr. Dusenberry moved that the meeting be adjourned to the call of the chairman at a time when a larger number of the Executive Committee could be present and that the Executive Secretary prepare a statement of the various properties their cost, location and adaptability for the work and to make such other comment as will enable the committee and other interested persons more wisely come to a conclusion.

The motion also provided that some of the interested contributors be asked. The motion was carried.

Before adjournment the Executive Secretary said that he had been informed Mr. Spitz, Director of Labor for New Jersey, that he, (the Secretary) was expected to sign an oath and become a government employee in the U. S. Dept. of Labor. He said that he believed that such a position, if taken would not very materially effect his work as Executive Secretary of the League. In fact it would give the League an opportunity for greater service.

Realizing the need of the Secretary in directing the League's work and feeling too, the call of the nation, Mr. Dusenberry moved that Mr. MacDougall and Dr. Lusk be appointed as a committee to interview Mr. Spitz in order to ascertain how we could co-operate and what would be expected of the Executive Secretary.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Executive Secretary,

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TREASURER'S REPORT - - - - Sept; 3, 1918

July 1st to August 31st, 1918.

Balance July 1, 1918	- - - - -	\$670.06
Receipts July 1 to Aug. 31, '18.	- - - - -	281.90
		<u>\$951.96</u>

Expenditures

Services	- - - - -	\$372.00
Telephone, carfare	- - - - -	60.82
(postage etc. incl.)		
Check (contribution)		
returned.	<u>65.00</u>	<u>\$497.82</u>
BALANCE SEPT. 3, 1918.	- - - - -	<u>\$454.13</u>